

Edwin P. Dold Succumbs at 69; Bank Director Was Boro Treasurer



EDWIN P. DOLD

Edwin Porter Dold, Borough Treasurer and a resident of Narberth for more than 40 years, died at Misericordia Hospital Sunday night. He had been ill for nearly a year. Mr. Dold, whose home was at 114 Elmwood Ave., was 69.

His funeral occurred on Wednesday afternoon, following the Masonic Ritual Tuesday night. Interment was in Mount Moriah Cemetery.

The pall-bearers were William H. Durbin, William J. Henderson, William S. Howard, Carl E. Metzger, Jr., Burgess Richard L. Miller and George B. Supplee.

Mr. Dold is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Mary Dold Horning, and two grandchildren. His wife died on October 10, 1946.

Mr. Dold's numerous local activities included membership in Borough Council from September, 1911, to January, 1914, when he was appointed Borough Treasurer. He held this office until 1927 and again from 1942 until his death. He was Borough Tax Collector from 1927 to 1938, when he resigned the office.

He was also a director of the National Bank of Narberth and had been connected with the Narberth Fire Company, the Narberth Baseball Club, the Narberth Park Association, the Narberth Building and Loan Association, the Narberth Athletic Association, the Narberth Tennis Club and the Narberth Civic Association. He was also a veteran of the Spanish-American War.

For many years, Mr. Dold represented Landers, Frary & Clark, said to be America's largest manufacturers of household utensils, located at New Britain, Conn., and previous to that he was identified with William Hodges & Co., kitchen supply headquarters in Philadelphia. The deceased Mrs. Dold, nee Julia Hodges, was the daughter of the senior member of the Hodges' firm.

THE SPECTATOR

Robert Durbin Was a Distinguished Gentleman of the Old School

The death of Robert Durbin last week served to turn thoughts back to a time of life in Philadelphia when modes and manners were far different than they are now. As to whether they were better or worse will not be the point of this inadequate piece, but certainly the span of our old neighbor's versatile career provides many contrasts because of the individual hallmarks which were to be seen years ago in pretty nearly all activities as compared with the finely drawn "team work" which is characteristic of today's enterprise.

In the newspaper field, for instance (where Mr. Durbin was so well identified), it is a fairly well posted man who can name the editors of the few newspapers we now have. In Mr. Durbin's day, however, even boys and girls knew that George W. Childs ran the Ledger; William Slingerly, the Record; Charles Emory Smith, the Press; James Elverson, Sr., the Inquirer; Alexander K. McClure, the Times; Barclay Warburton, the Evening Telegraph; the Messrs. Fitzgerald, the Item, and, in more recent years, Thomas B. Vanamaker, the North American, with E. A. Van Valkenberg as the general manager. At the same time, the father of the current generation of McLeans ran the struggling Bulletin.

Mr. Durbin knew all these men well and so did he know untimely John A. Dwyer, father of our Recreation Board member, Frank J. A. Dwyer. Frank's father has long been conceded to be the best political reporter ever active on the Pennsylvania scene, and because of his impressive talents he was made managing editor of the Philadelphia Record after serving on the Press, where he had to accept the high tariff doctrine which was so alien to his own convictions.

At the same time of life, in the mercantile field, John

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Expect Thousands to Attend Easter Services; Township Churches Prepare Special Programs

Supreme Court Sustains Frankel on Zoning

Penna. Body Affirms Decision Of County Court on Apartments

Calls Amending Ordinance 'Discriminatory';
Merion Controversy Has Raged 2½ Years

Ephraim J. Frankel this week emerged as victor once more in the 2½-year court battle over whether he may erect an apartment house at North Latches Lane and Old Lancaster Rd., Merion.

An opinion written by Associate Justice Charles Alvin Jones, of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, on Monday affirmed a decision handed down in the Montgomery County Courts last July. At that time Judge Harold G. Knight dismissed a suit brought by the Merion Civic Association, Albert G. Barnes, and Joseph and Viola Malkin, which sought to restrain Frankel from building the apartment house. The plaintiffs contended that a township ordinance, adopted after Frankel had been issued a building permit, forbade multiple dwellings in that area.

"The amending zoning ordinance," Justice Jones' two-and-a-half page opinion stated, "bore no reasonable relation to any legitimate police power purpose, but unlawfully discriminated against the defendant, and his property, and was therefore invalid and unenforceable."

Commenting on Judge Knight's decision, which set forth that the re-zoning ordinance passed during the fight against Frankel, was unconstitutional, the Supreme Court opinion said:

"The learned chancellor correctly decided the case, and his decree dismissing the Bill of Complaint is appropriate to the facts and the law of the case. Nothing is to be gained by our reiterating what is so fully and satisfactorily set forth by the learned Judge below, who sat as Chancellor and spoke for the court en banc."

Monday's decree placed the costs of the case on Lower Merion Township.

In the meantime the Merion Civic Association, through its lawyer, Clarence G. Hall, said it had not yet been officially informed of the decision.

"No decision as to any further action on our part can be reached until the board of directors meets," Hall said this week. "We would like within our rights, however, in carrying the case to the United States Supreme Court, since it involves a point of constitutionality."

Civic Association spokesmen said, after the opinion of the Montgomery County Court was handed down, that it would carry the case to the U. S. Supreme Court, "if necessary."

Frankel's lawyers, the Philadelphia firm of Montgomery, McCracken, Walker and Rhodes, expressed gratification over the decision, and ventured the opinion that work on the apartment house would begin shortly.

"I know Mr. Frankel has had his plans filed with the Lower Merion building inspector for more than two years," a member of the firm stated, and I think he will be anxious to begin work as soon as possible. Of course, they may threaten arrest, as they did before, on the grounds that he is violating the township zoning ordinance. But I think that, with the backing

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VIOLATIONS REPORTED

Narberth police reported one stop sign, 12 parking, three overtime parking violations in the Borough during February. The police report, read recently at the regular meeting of the Narberth Borough Council by Robert M. Cameron, chairman of the Public Safety committee, also listed one personal injury and three property damage accidents during the month.

Township Investigates Pew Laboratory Where French Chemist Experiments

Lower Merion Commissioners have ordered an investigation of the conversion of an old garage in Gladwyne into a laboratory to determine if the township's building and zoning codes have been violated.

Investigations are being conducted by Jesse Steller, superintendent of building construction, and John Forsythe, township solicitor.

The garage-laboratory on the old T. Crobie-Brown estate, Mill Creek Rd., Gladwyne, is owned by Joseph N. Pew, Jr., Sun Oil Company executive and State Republican Party benefactor. It and three acres of ground were purchased from Ida Mae Wassell on December 11, 1947, for \$23,500.

The garage-laboratory, an English fort-like structure, is being used by Eugene Houdry, famous French chemist and inventor for experiments. Houdry's own home

Narberth Man's Exhibit Awarded First Prize At Philadelphia Flower Show

Albert F. W. Vick, Jr., owner of Vick's Wildgardens, Montgomery Ave., Narberth, was awarded first prize and a gold medal for his exhibit at the Philadelphia Flower Show last week.

Vick's exhibit, which covered 1800 square feet, was an informal planting with trees and shrubs providing the principal effect. Bulbs, wildflowers, and ferns surrounding waterfalls and pools were also included.

The gold medal awarded to Vick by the judges, was one of four given during the judging.

Vick was also awarded a prize for his entry in the Flower Show held last year.

Township Adopts Circus, Carnival Fire Safeguards

Detailed Rules Based on Recommendations of National Board

Lower Merion commissioners last week passed one of the most comprehensive fire-prevention laws ever adopted by a township.

The board described the new ordinance as a "public health and safety regulation."

The ordinance covers the conditions under which circuses, carnivals, shows and similar exhibitions housed in temporary structures may give performances here. The new law was prepared by the National Institute of Municipal Law Officers, after the tragic circus fire in Hartford, Conn., when many lives were lost.

Their Lower Merion action preceded that in Philadelphia where on Wednesday Fire Marshal Gallagher refused a license for the Ringling Brothers Circus at the traditional 11th St. and Erie Ave. location because of the fire hazard.

Ordinance No. 911 replaces an antiquated law which has been on the books for some time, township secretary Evan James said.

The law sets forth that applicants for permission to give such performances must file with the Fire Marshal a set of building plans, in duplicate, drawn to scale, which will indicate the type of construction, seating arrangements, aisles, structural details, the location of fire fighting equipment within the structure and the location, so far as possible, of adjacent structures which might hinder the free exit of persons from the structure.

They must also indicate whether any open flame is to be used in the course of the show, and if so, what precautions will be taken to render it safe. The formula of the solution which is to be used to flame-proof the structure must be filed, and a public liability insurance policy amounting to not less than \$50,000 for one person and \$500,000 for any one accident, must be in force for the duration of the show.

Other precautions include the clearing of all grass, straw, sawdust and combustible trash from the structure before it is opened to the public, the attendance of special police officers and firemen as the Fire Marshal shall deem necessary for proper protection, and the fireproofing of the tent and canvas parts of the structure.

At Men's Night Dinner



Snapped at the Men's Night Dinner of the Women's Community Club of Narberth last Tuesday are, from left to right, Mrs. Ellsworth Clark, President; Dr. Newton Bell, speaker of the evening, and Mrs. Stewart Williams, President of the Pennsylvania State Federation of Women's Clubs and the guest of honor at the dinner.

Community Club to Honor New Members at Tea Tuesday

Twenty-seven new members of the Women's Community Club of Narberth will be honored at a New Members' Tea at the Community Building, Tuesday afternoon, at 2 P. M.

Mrs. A. C. Jones, chairman of the Membership Committee, is chairman of the preparations for the program. Chairman of the Reception Committee is Mrs. W. R. Knauer, with Mrs. H. H. Hopkins, Mrs. H. A. Frye and Mrs. Ben Murz on her committee.

Chairman of the Identification Committee is Mrs. Karl Williams with Mrs. C. L. Wells and Mrs. Leslie D. Moxon in her group.

On the Entertainment Committee are Mrs. C. Arley Farmer, Chairman; Mrs. Q. A. B. Cornman, Mrs. Paul Sullivan, Mrs. William Selfert, Mrs. E. M. Parran, and Mrs. Chester McKibben.

Mrs. J. B. Taylor is chairman of the Decoration Committee with Mrs. Charles E. Harnden, Mrs. Robert Price and Mrs. C. L. Baker.

Chairman of the Food Committee is Mrs. Clarence A. Telet, aided by Mrs. John Wright, Mrs. F. M. Floyd and Mrs. H. F. Dever.

The Entertainment Committee will present a surprise program under the direction of Mrs. Farmer.

At the table will be Mrs. Robert Nish and Mrs. G. W. Orth.

At a meeting of the Conservation and Garden Department, Tuesday evening, held at the home of Mrs.

Snow Removal Cost Borough \$364.75

Plowing and hauling snow, and putting cinders on hills in Narberth during the month of February, cost the Borough \$364.75, according to a report made last week by William S. Thompson, chairman of the Highway committee of the Narberth Borough Council.

Thompson's report also stated that ash and trash collections during the past month cost \$1304.10; street cleaning, \$122.65; street maintenance, \$21.90; miscellaneous work, \$9.90, and hauling clothing for the Narberth School in connection with the recent clothing drive.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A Neighbor Pays Tribute to a Great Citizen on His Birthday

A man well known in Narberth civic and welfare activities passed another milestone last week. The writer is just one week late, under the impression that this week was to be the great event.

This man, always to the fore in promoting acknowledgment of the kind deeds of others but far in the rear when it comes to putting a light to show forth his own good deeds deserves recognition from this Borough.

Many of us knowing what he has accomplished with his own efforts, always with himself in the background, think it about time to bring him into the foreground. The playground, a living memorial to his efforts, the Fourth of July fireworks, the reorganization of the National Bank of Narberth, are only a few of his many efforts, all of which have been successful. His capable assistance was available to the Women's Committee of Narberth Day in connection with the fireworks program, and his untiring cooperation was a definite contribution to that phase of an already successful holiday celebration.

These and many more kindly deeds, too numerous to mention, are due to the unselfish efforts of this same man, too retiring to come out in the open. He hides his light under a bushel. I know many people in our Borough would like to send a happy birthday card, and add their felicitations to mine. It is better later than never, even if the birthday has already passed.

Those who have worked with this man appreciate his true qualities. He is determined but open to reason, is witty, of a questioning and convincing mind, clever, and has a heart of gold. Who has ever asked his help and been refused?

Those of you who know him will be glad to learn of this man's birthday and will join me in extending best wishes. I hope there will be so many cards that it will take days to read the signatures. Send that birthday card now to this Borough's number one citizen, Mr. John J. Cabrey, and add your best wishes to mine.

SUSAN K. MUELLER.

Be Celebrated In Music, Prayer

Joyousness Will Follow Somber Meditations of Holy Week

Heralding the triumphant resurrection of the Christ church of the Main Line will hold special Easter services of prayer and music Sunday. The traditional joyousness of the Easter morn will follow a week of somber meditation and devotions.

Once again the glad cry "He Is Risen" will be echoed in hymns and sermons.

Many of the churches will hold identical services of Holy Communion in the morning with the choir presenting a program of Easter music.

Pupils of Church Schools will also participate in Festival observances of the season.

At All Saints' Episcopal Church, Wynnewood, Holy Communion services will be held at 8 A. M., 9:30 A. M. and at 11 A. M. The Children's Service will be held at 4 P. M.

Special Easter music by the senior choir will feature in the services at 11 A. M. at the Narberth Methodist Church. The Youth Group will meet at 7:45 P. M.

Dr. J. Harold Mumper, Editor of the Parish and Church School Board of the United Lutheran Church in America, will present the sermon at the service at 11 A. M. at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Narberth. At 8:45 A. M. there will be a Holy Communion service with special choir music.

The Rev. Cletus A. Senti, pastor, will preach on Chapter Five of the Book of Revelations, at the evening service at 7:45 P. M.

The choir of the Narberth Presbyterian Church will sing "Christ Goes Before," at identical morning worship services at 8:30 A. M. and 11 A. M. The Easter story will be presented in music, Scripture and pictures at the service at 7:45 P. M. The choir will sing "Unfold Ye Portals."

Masses will be sung at St. Margaret's R. C. Church, Narberth, Easter morning, at 6:30, 7:30, 9:10, 10:15 A. M. and two masses at 11:15 A. M. The Rev. Robert G. Middleton, pastor of the Baptist Church of the Evangel of Narberth, will preach on "Strangers and Pilgrims" at the 11 A. M. service. The choir will present a special service of Easter Music at 8 P. M.

At the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, Bala-Cynwyd, an Easter service will be held at 11 A. M. The Bible School will meet at 8:45 A. M. and Young People of (Continued on Page Four)

Dinner Meet For Bryn Mawr Fund Public Campaign Opens At Merion Cricket Club

J. Paul Crawford, public campaign chairman for the Bryn Mawr Building Fund Drive, presided at the dinner meeting Tuesday evening in the Merion Cricket Club. Edwin M. Rhea, vice-chairman, assisted Crawford.

In welcoming campaign leaders, Crawford said, "The enthusiasm that you and those whom you are enlisting display is an inspiration to all of us, and an indication that people clearly understand the importance of the Bryn Mawr Hospital in caring for the health and welfare of the Main Line community."

Eugene C. DeVol, chairman of District 1, which includes Bala, Cynwyd, Merion, Narberth, Overbrook, Penn Valley and Bala Cynwyd, has enlisted as commanders Harry L. Buck of Cynwyd, Harry T. Jackson, Narberth; Miss Beatrice Marshall, Narberth; Desmond J. McTigue, Narberth; Paul B. Robinson, Penn Valley; Joseph J. Skelton, 3rd, Bala Cynwyd; Robert L. Zullinger, Merion. The captains for this district are as follows: Robert F. Brown, Bala Cynwyd; Fred E. Caballero, Bala Cynwyd; Garner C. Parr, Cynwyd; Henry F. Tegler, Cynwyd; Wallace R. Smiles, Bala Cynwyd; E. C. Julsted, Cynwyd; Mrs. P. Stuart King, Cynwyd; Theodore F. Lavine, Cynwyd; Algernon Roberts, Cynwyd; Walter Schob, Cynwyd; Gilbert Van Hoesen, Cynwyd; R. J. Wilson, 2nd, Cynwyd; J. Houston Young, Cynwyd; John Bainbridge, Cynwyd; Richard Bond, Merion; Thomas Byrne, Merion; Mrs. Ernestine Cairns, Merion; Mrs. Henry S. Neel, Merion; Mrs. Robert Perrott, Merion; Robert Price, Merion; W. Ralston Rodgers, Merion; Paul H. Warwick, Merion; and Mrs. Anna S. Zullinger, Merion. The lieutenants are as follows: Mrs. Hugh Miller, Merion; Edwin Reno, Merion; and A. L. Baker, Merion.

OUR TOWN

IS ON SALE EACH WEEK AT THE FOLLOWING STORES:
Davis Store, 224 Haverford Ave., Narberth.
Granite Drug Store, Montgomery Ave., Narberth.
Narberth News, 238 Haverford Ave., Narberth.
Trainer's, 238 Woodbine Ave., Narberth.

